African American Guard Heritage

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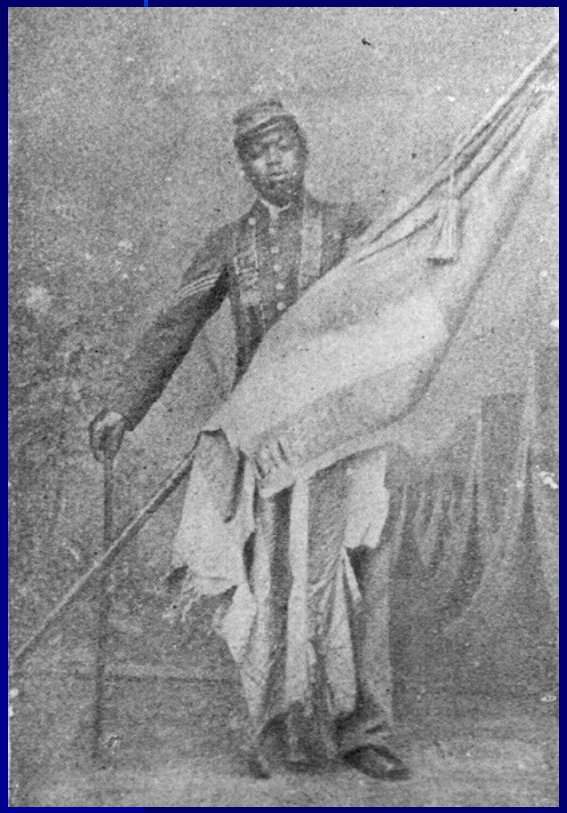
NGB Historical Services

Early Black Militia

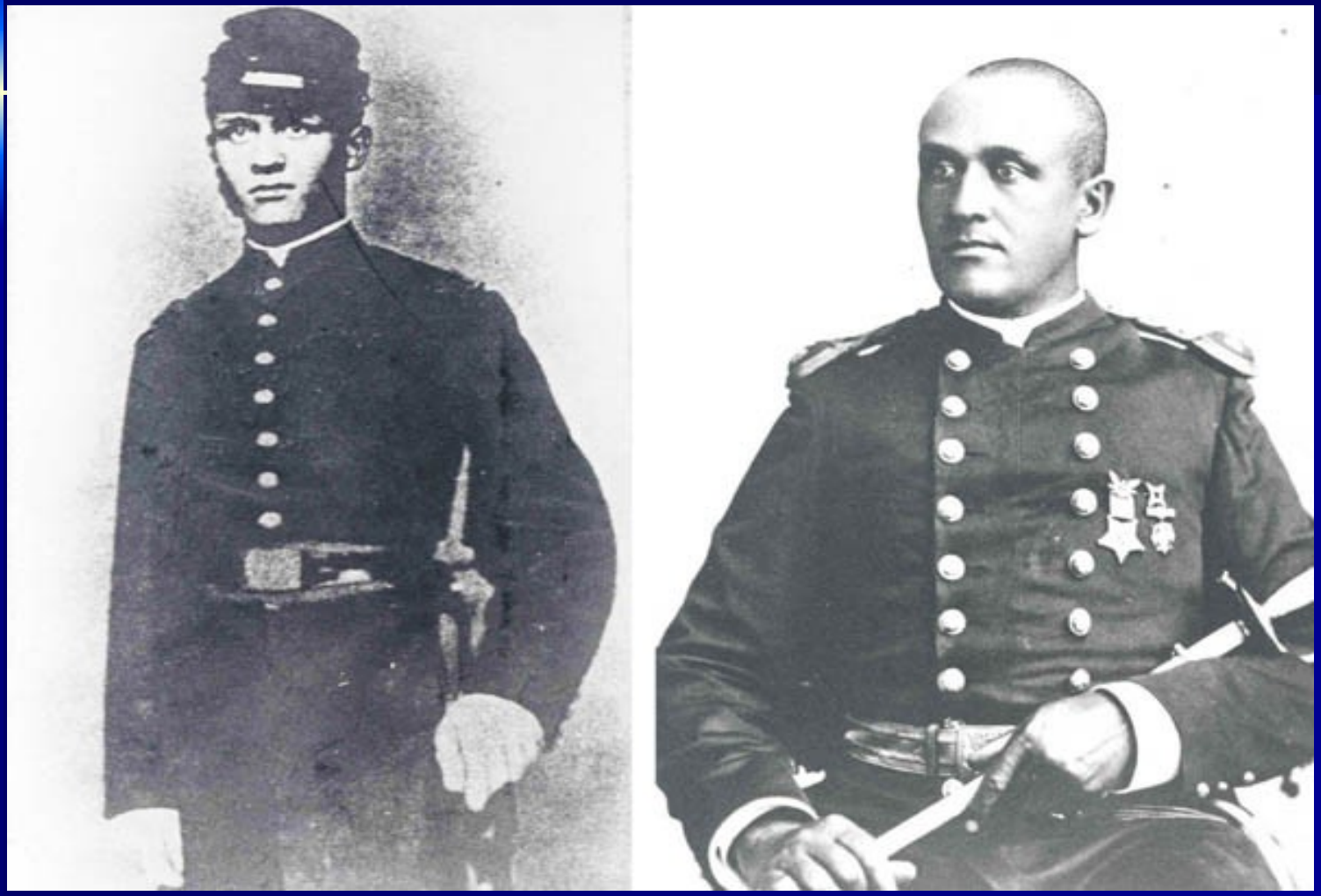
1st Rhode Island Inf., c. 1780

The Civil War: 1861-1865

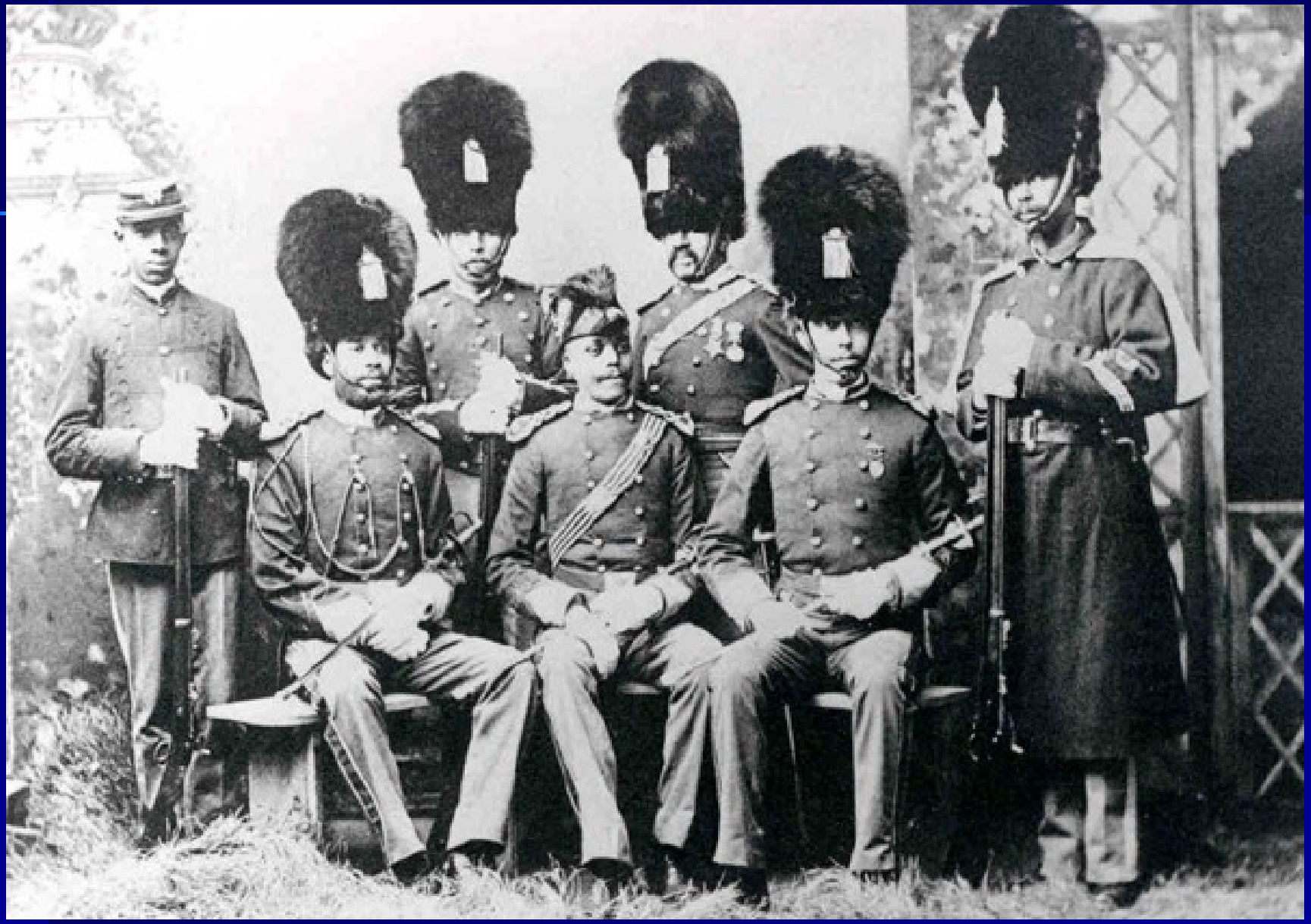


SGT William Carney, 54th Mass. Volunteer Inf.

Black Militia in the Gilded Age: 1865-1898



Lt. Frank Welch, 54th Mass - 1864 / Maj. Welch, 1st Separate Bn, Conn. N.G. - 1886



Cpt. Christian Fleetwood, Washington (DC) Cadets, 1887

Washington (DC) Cadets, May 1887, National Encampment

Capt. John Stevens – Petersburg Blues, VANG

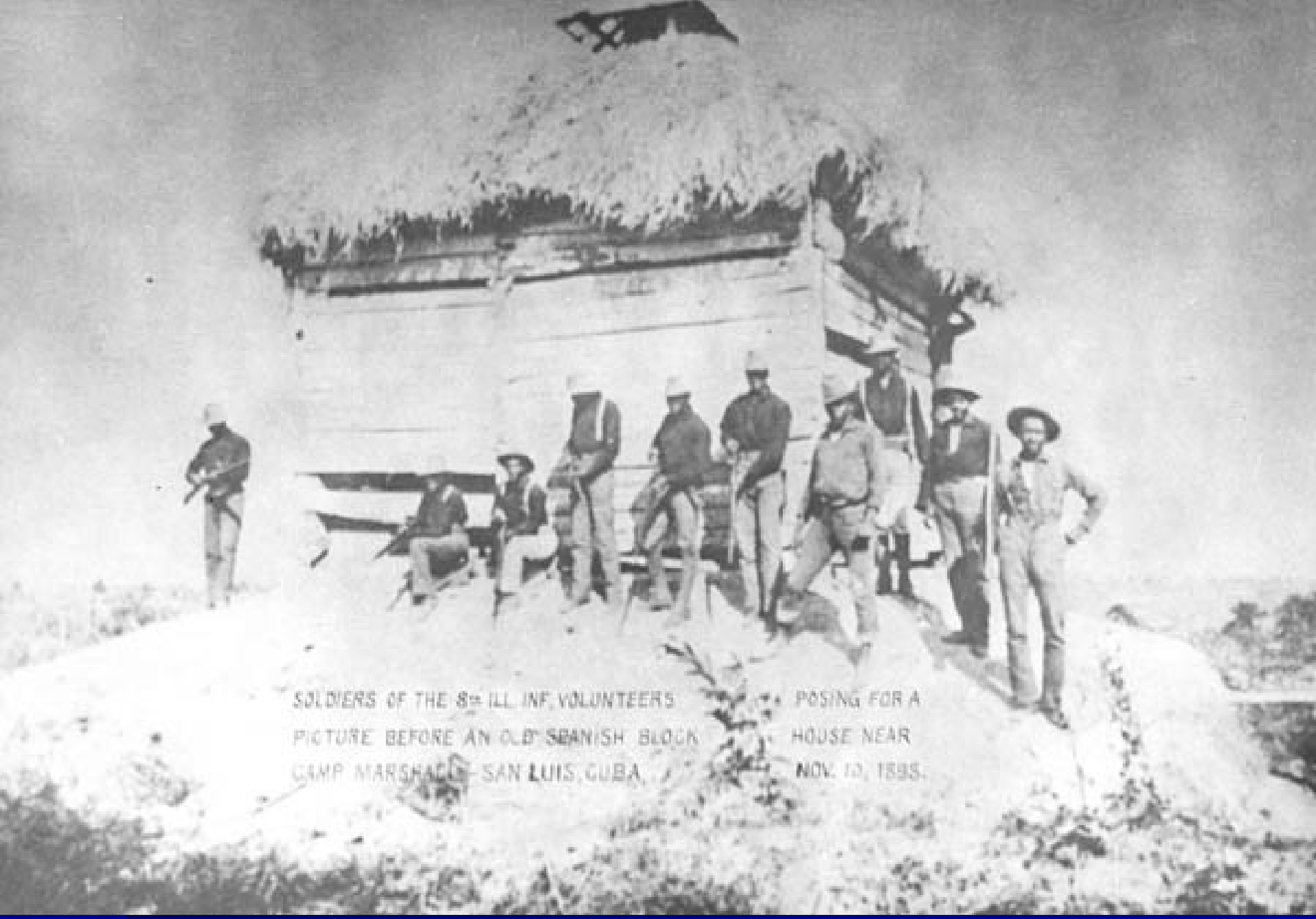
The Spanish-American War

1898-1899

Maj. William Johnson, 6th VA Vol. Inf., 1898

NCOs, 6th VA Vol. Inf., 1898

3rd Alabama Vol. Inf., 1898


SOLDIERS OF THE 8th ILL. INF. VOLUNTEERS
POSING FOR A
PICTURE BEFORE AN OLD SPANISH BLOCK
HOUSE NEAR
CAMP MARSHALL SAN LUIS, CUBA.
NOV. 10, 1898.

8th Illinois Vol. Inf., November, 1898 – San Luis, Cuba

African Americans in the 20th Century Guard

GENERAL COURT MARTIAL IN SESSION
JAN. 1918
SEATED
CAPT. LILBURN J. JACKSON — CAPT. JAMES
CAPT. GEORGE M. ALLEN — MAJOR OTIS B. DUNCAN (President)
CAPT. WILLIAM B. CRAWFORD — LIEUT. CLEMENT N. HINTON and
LIEUT. LOUIS C. WASHINGTON — CAPT. LEWIS E. JOHNSON (Counsel for Defense)
STANDING — COURT REPORTER McCARTY and ROBERT A. J. SHAW
JUDGE ADVOCATE (SEATED)

General Court martial, 8th Illinois, Camp Wilson, TX - Jan 1918

World War I: 1917-1918

369th Inf. (15th NY Inf.) – Training in France - May, 1918

372nd Inf. (Mass, DC, Tenn., Md., Conn., Ohio)

1st Lt. James R. Europe, Band Leader, 369th Inf. Band – France, 1918-1919

Drum Major, 369th Inf. Band – Plt. Sgt. Gillard Thompson - 1924

World War II: 1941-1945

Col. Benjamin O. Davis (left) – Commander, 369th Inf., 1939-1940

370th Inf. (8th Illinois) – 1940

Cold War

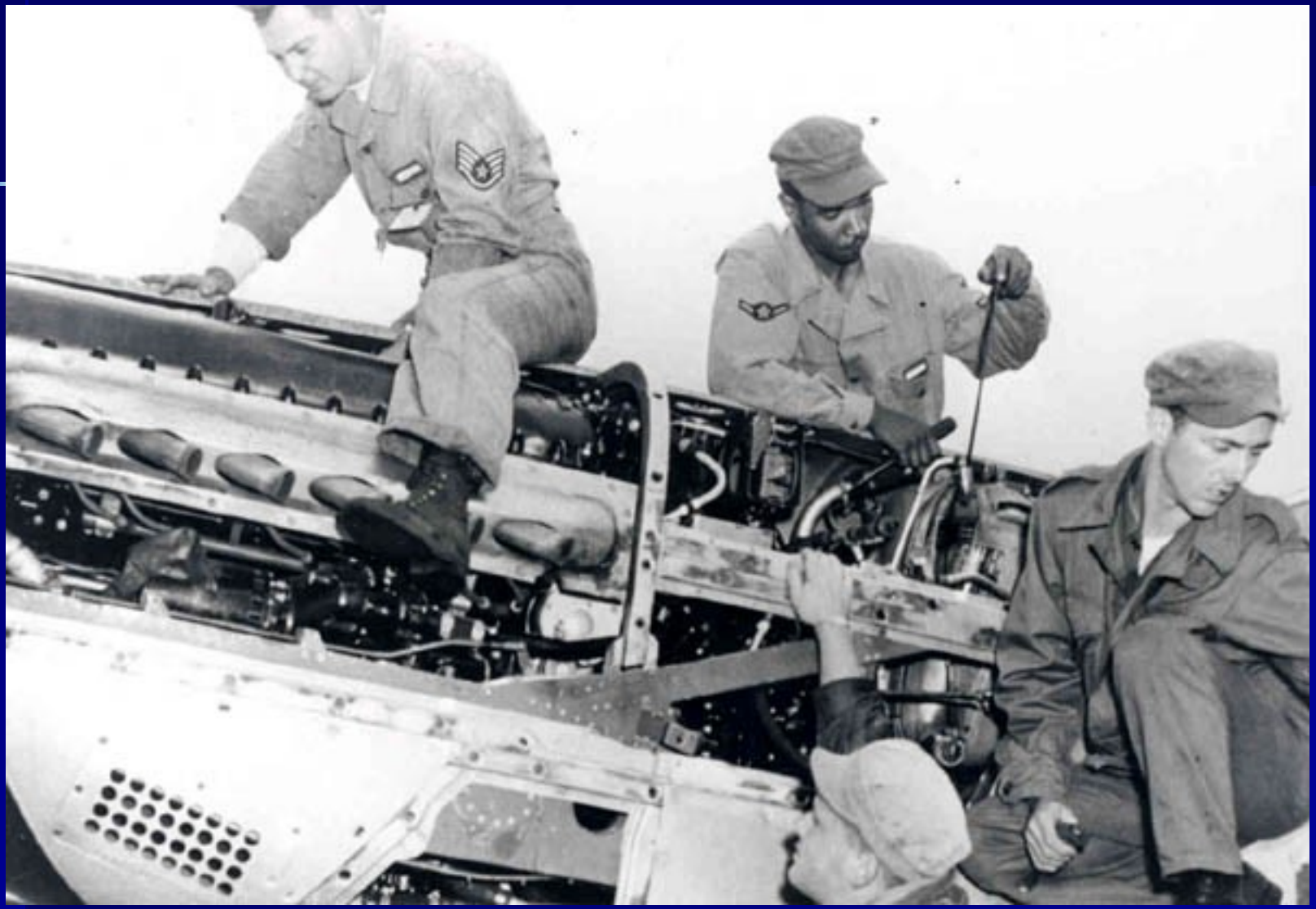
1402 Eng. Bn., Cal. Army National Guard - 1950

Korean War: 1950-1953

HHC 231st Trans. Truck Bn., MD ARNG – Korea, 1951

Integration: by State

28th Inf. Div., c. 1958



119th Ftr Sqdn, NJ ANG - 1954

Vietnam War Mobilization: 1968-1969

650th Med. Det (Dental Svc), AL ARNG – 1968 mobilization

Staff Sgt. Gloria Robinson, NH ANG - 1973

Spc. 5 Patricia Watson, Cal. ARNG - 1973

Pilot, 121st Ftr Sqdn, DC ANG - 1981

Desert Shield / Storm – 1990-1991

169th Consol. Aircraft Maint. Sqdn. (SC) - Saudi Arabia, 1991

Hqtrs & Hqtrs Det., 372nd MP Bn – DC – Kuwait 1991

African-American Guard Leadership

Brig Gen Cunningham Bryant, DC ARNG - 1972

Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis, CNGB - 1998